

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1651**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazuichi ISAKA et al.

Group Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 10/050,797

Examiner: D. NAFF

Filed: January 18, 2002

Docket No.: 111697

For: METHOD OF REMOVING EXOGENOUS ENDOCRINE-DISRUPTING CHEMICAL
IN WATER

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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In reply to the April 18, 2006 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

[Signature]
Claims 9, 11, 15, 19 and 25 are pending in this application.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Naff at the interview held May 24, 2006, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

I. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 9, 11, 15, 19 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable of U.S. Patent No. 6,576,451 ("Sumino") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,860,490 ("Guttag"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.